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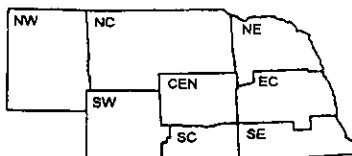
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WEATHER

Average temperatures across the State for the week ranged from near normals to two degrees below normal. Precipitation across Nebraska was widespread and ranged from two hundredths of an inch in Grand Island to over two inches in Bridgeport.

GENERAL

For the third week in a row, rains delayed field work activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Many farmers are waiting to begin corn planting because of low soil temperatures and wet fields. With moisture adequate in many counties, pastures were looking good. Significant amounts of moisture were received in western counties, increasing wheat prospects. However, with the date of last frost still weeks away in the West, there continues to exist some danger to winter wheat due to the advanced development. Alfalfa weevil activity was increasing and army cutworms were still holding back alfalfa growth in some areas. Producer activities included fixing fence, hauling grain, ordering supplies for field crops, applying fertilizer and pre-plant chemicals, and moving cattle to summer pasture.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition continued to rate above year ago levels with 1% very poor, 1% poor, 18% fair, 73% good and 7% excellent. Wheat jointed was 31% ahead of 13% last year, and 12% average. Significant amounts of moisture were received in many western counties increasing prospects.

Oats seeding was 87% complete, well ahead of last year's 73% and 74% average. Oats emerged was at 56%, compared to 23% last year.

Corn planted was 8% complete, behind 10% last year and average. Planting was most advanced in central counties, and was expected to be in full swing soon, if soil conditions permit.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 2% poor, 21% fair, 65% good and 12% excellent. Cool season grasses were doing well, but warm season grasses were still short. Feed supplies were adequate, but many feedlots were muddy. Calving was 90% complete, just behind 88% last year. Numerous reporters indicated the recent cool, wet conditions were stressing young calves.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 25, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	PERCENT											
% Wheat Jointed	27	n/a	n/a	33	56	38	34	12	31	3	13	12
% Corn Planted	5	2	4	13	7	3	12	9	8	1	10	10
% Oats Sown	76	91	85	75	92	99	100	100	87	74	73	74
% Oats Emerged	35	62	55	43	54	65	89	81	56	38	23	n/a
% Cows Calved	94	87	86	92	91	93	93	95	90	85	92	n/a
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 23, 1999												
Days Suitable	3.2	2.8	1.9	3.3	2.8	3.3	4.0	3.0	2.9	2.0	6.1	0
Topsoil Moisture - Very short	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
- Short	6	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	2	3	11	
- Adequate	90	100	68	80	75	91	97	87	85	72	82	
- Surplus	4	0	32	20	25	2	0	13	13	25	6	
Subsoil Moisture- Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
- Short	10	0	0	5	2	24	27	0	7	6	8	
- Adequate	90	100	86	88	77	75	73	99	86	81	85	
- Surplus	0	0	14	7	21	0	0	1	7	12	6	

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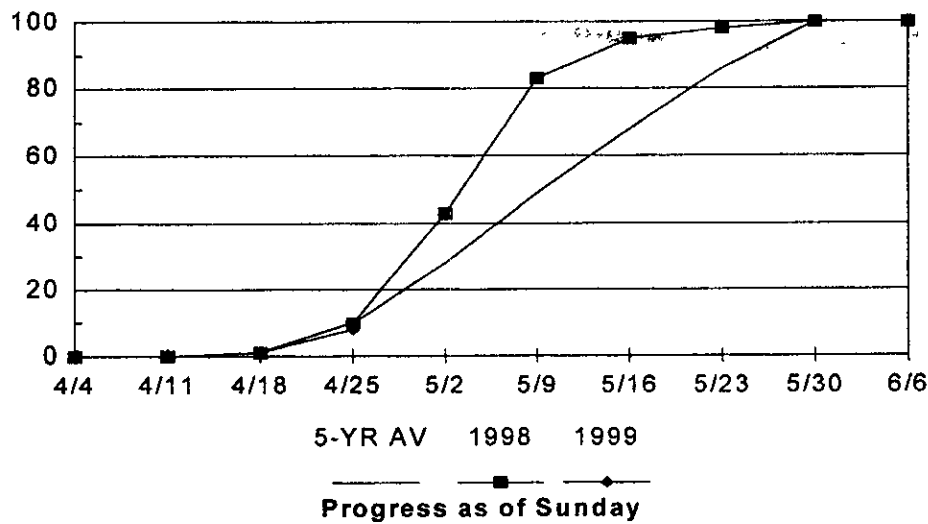
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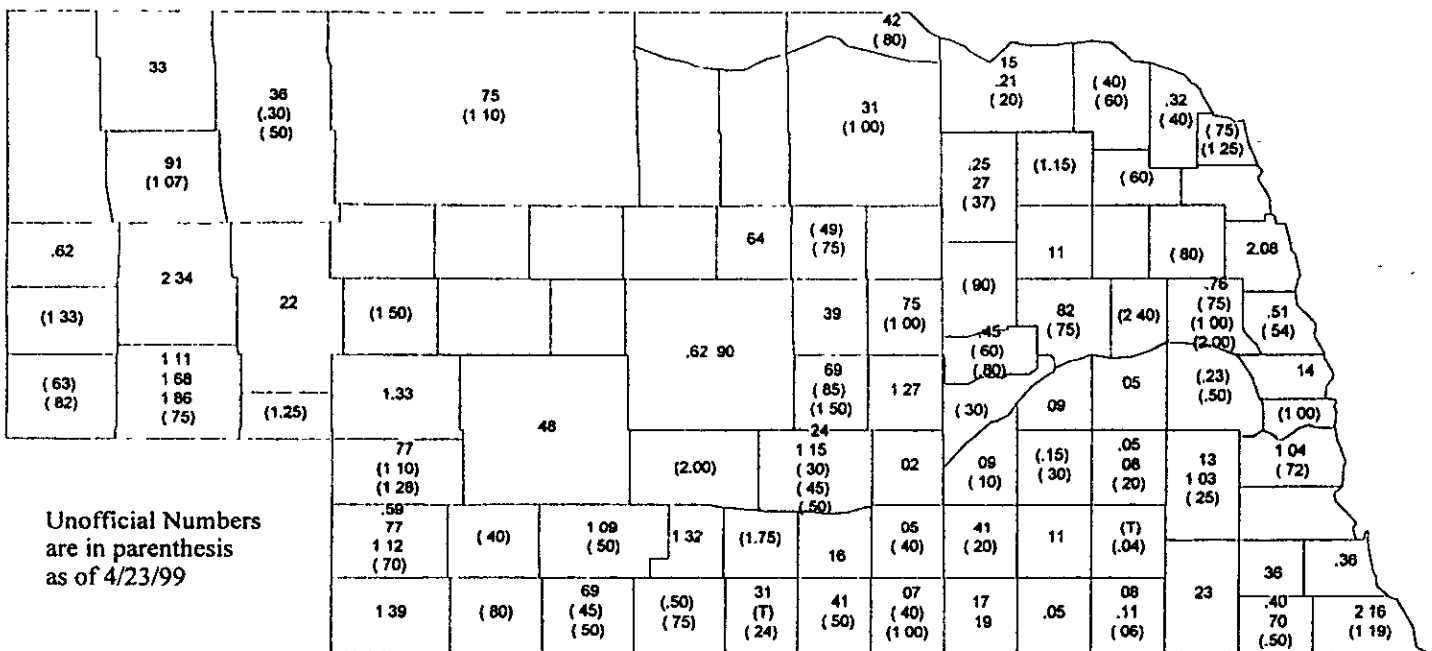
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CORN PLANTED

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1999



Unofficial Numbers
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as of 4/23/99

PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1 - APRIL 24, 1999

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.84	.53	.48	.68	.38	.91	.39	.39
Total since April 1	2.69	3.13	5.01	4.01	4.60	2.11	3.60	3.95
Normal since April 1	1.41	1.68	1.92	1.91	2.16	1.45	1.65	2.17

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1999

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	81	29	50	---	.33
Scottsbluff	77	29	48	-1	.62
Sidney	76	27	47	---	1.11
NC Valentine	77	28	49	0	.75
NE Norfolk	76	30	52	0	.11
Sioux City	76	27	51	-2	.68
CEN Grand Island	78	27	52	-1	.02
Ord	76	22	51	---	.39
EC Lincoln	78	26	52	-2	.13
Omaha	76	32	52	-1	.14
SW Imperial	80	27	51	---	.59
North Platte	77	23	49	-1	.48